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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1848

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CHN IN, NP

SUBJ: KING OF NEPAL TO VISIT CHINA

REF: KATHMANDU 1844

1. RADIONEPAL APRIL 30 ANNOUNCED THAT KING BIRENDRA HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT TIBET JUNE 2-9. ACCORDING TO BROADCAST, KING WILL ALSO TOUR ONE OTHER (UNDISCLOSED) PROVINCE.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT IDEA FOR TRIP WAS GENERATED WITHIN THE PALACE AS A MEANS TO COUNTERBALANCE IMPRESSION CREATED DURING PRIME MINISTER GIRI'S RECENT TRIP TO INDIA THAT NEPAL HAD ALTERED ITS BASIC POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND WAS "TILTING" TOWARD INDIA. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT INDIA WILL NOT TAKE KINDLY TO THE NEWS WHICH COULD APPEAR TO SOME TO BE A DIRECT CONTRADICTION OF ASSURANCES REPORTEDLY GIVEN MRS GANDHI BY PRIME MINISTER THAT NEPAL DESIRED NEW POLICY WITH INDIA BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC REALITIES OF RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD UNSUBSTANTIATED REPRTTHAT THE DECISION TO GO TO CHINA WAS TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH PRIME MINISTER AND THAT HE HAS THREATENED TO RESIGN OVER WHAT HE SEES AS "SABOTAGE" OF HIS POLICIES BY PALACE ADVISORS. THERE
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IS CABINET MEETING TODAY, BUT SOURCE BELIEVES THAT GIRI WILL

REMAIN, ALBEIT DISGRUNTLED. EAVES

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